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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-25 and enter the following new claims.

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--26. A method for the stabilization, the increase or the restoration of collagen in a mammal, the method comprising administering an effective amount of a substance which inhibits the production and/or the effect of estrogens.

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27. The method according to claim *27* 26, wherein the substance is selected from the group consisting of aromatase inhibitors and anti-estrogens.